

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for June 27, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



Joe Nichols, Shaunna Bolton to guest star in Montgomery Gentry concert

Country recording artist Joe Nichols will be one of the special guests joining Montgomery Gentry for the Army Concert Tour concert coming to Aberdeen Proving Ground Saturday, Sept. 29. The Grammy Award-winning artist is known for his Top 10 hits, "Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off," "If Nobody Believed in You," and "What's a Guy Gotta Do."

Singer Songwriter Shaunna Bolton, whose career highlights include co-writing Jo Dee Messina's "Not Going Down" and the Baha Men's "Holla," will open the show.

Tickets go on sale soon. Watch for early bird ticket specials for the APG community.

For more information, go to www.apgmwr.com.

Badge Office closed today

The APG North and South Badging Office will be closed June 21 for the Garrison Organization Day Picnic. It will open for normal business hours 8 a.m., June 22.

Union meeting today

The National Federation of Federal Employees Local 178 will hold its monthly meeting 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 21 at E-4415 Miles Road. Subjects to be discussed include NSPS current ruling and legislation and voting for national secretary-treasurer.

For more information, call 410-436-3942 or e-mail LOCAL178@apea.army.mil.

AAFES gears up for Christmas in July

The AAFES Main Exchange will hold Christmas in July, from July 13

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Star unveils APG inspired cake



Photo by DAVID A. SALAZAR, USAREC

From left, U.S. Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Richard Cody; Lt. Col. Burl Randolph, commanding officer, Baltimore Recruiting Battalion; Baltimore Orioles pitcher Jamie Walker and Orioles' general manager Mike Flanagan look on as the star of Food Network's "Ace of Cakes" Duff Goldman ignites his latest creation, a cake replica of an M1A2 Abrams Tank, in honor of the Army's 232nd Birthday. The celebration was held during pre-game festivities at Camden Yards, in which the Orioles played against the Washington Nationals June 14. The U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team and the U.S. Army Field Band Soldiers' Chorus were also on hand as part of the event. Goldman visited Aberdeen Proving Ground June 11 for inspiration to make the cake. (See article and more photos on page 2.)

MWR requests feedback on activities through survey

Story by
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The Garrison Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation is requesting that community members take an online survey so the MWR staff can assess its programs and plan for the expected population increase due to base realignment and closure.

MWR provides numerous services to military, dependents, civilians, Department of Defense contractors and retirees.

Community members with Army Knowledge Online accounts can take the survey at <https://monrosecapps.monroe.army.mil/mwrsurveys/apg/survey.htm>

"The goal is to use the survey to assist us in providing services on post to the work force," said Gina Dannenfels, director of MWR. "We recognize times are changing, and we'd like to survey the population to find out what kind of services it is looking for and will support."

Dannenfels said that MWR is working on a five-year strategic plan to prepare for "the transition that BRAC is going to bring."

The survey also allows community members to become aware of the services that are available to them, added Christina Lockhart, MWR marketing director.

"We really care about what the customer wants and want to improve on the services we already have," Lockhart said.

While the community members take the survey, they can rate how interested in the possibilities of a covered, all-weather pool, a car wash, food court, camping and other recreational opportunities. They also have the opportunity to suggest services they would like to see.

After the surveys are in, MWR personnel can assess which services should be increased, decreased, eliminated or added.

Community members have until the close of business on June 29 to complete the survey.

Being mindful of postal costs

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Postal costs go up like those of any other business or household.

In fact increasing costs for fuel and health benefits greatly affect the Postal Service. The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operations and relies solely on the sale of its products and services to cover its operating costs. Many costs are associated with the fact that different shapes and sizes of the mail require different handling procedures.

On Feb. 26, the Postal Regulatory Commission issued its recommendation on rates which recognize the impact on cost of different shapes of mail and which attempt to maximize economic efficiency within the mailing industry. In some cases, however, the recommended rates may cause some confusion. The Governors of the United States Postal commission are mindful that any business must consider the impact on its customers due to the timing and magnitude of any price increase.

Organizations should consider how these rate changes will affect the cost of their current postage budget. Be aware of how a letter or package is being presented for mailing. Evaluate and select the proper envelope or box size or method to optimize the cost versus service needed. Ask personnel at the mail room or Post Office for advice or help in determining the best method.

For more information, contact the Directorate of Information Management's Mail and Records Management Division, 410-278-2252 or 410-436-8721.

Understanding shape-based pricing

The new rate changes are not only based on the weight of the mail piece but also upon its size and shape and are broken down into three categories. All of these categories are for mail pieces weighing 13 ounces or less. If the mail piece weighs more than 13 ounces it will be sent at priority mail rates.

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APG employees win 7 golds from Federal Executive Board

Story by
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Aberdeen Proving Ground employees from five organizations brought home seven gold awards from the Baltimore Federal Executive Board's Excellence in Federal Career Awards program held at Martin's West May 5.

Scoring high on gold winners, the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command brought three gold awards home and the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School, U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity and the U.S. Army Research Laboratory each received one gold award.

In addition, APG employees won 23 silver awards and 57 bronze awards.

The master of ceremonies for the program was Richard H. Howell, Baltimore FEB executive director, and the U.S. Naval Academy Band, Annapolis, performed musical selections. FEB chair Felicita Sola-Carter, assistant deputy commissioner, Human Resources, Social Security Administration, and FEB Vice Chair Dr. George Wolohojian, director, Department of Veterans Affairs, Regional Office Baltimore, presented the awards.

Focusing on gold

Linda B. Worthington, ATC

Photo not available

Worthington, who retired from ATC in July 2006, received a gold award in the Distinguished Public Service

category.

Worthington is credited with implementing a single labor estimating rate and distributive costing rate that reduced the number of existing single individual rates, costs for customers and administrative time and money when she was a budget officer. She established a budget program that leads test centers and ATC as the Non-Lethal Weapon Test Center of Choice while serving as chief of the Test Business Management Team.

She is also credited with establishing the ATC strategic plan, re-establishing a public affairs office and developing and implementing a Soldier, Operator, Maintainer, Test and Evaluation program.

Worthington said when she was promoted in 1985 to budget officer for ATC she was the first female manager in a group of 54 scientific and engineering managers and the only high grade female in the organization of 1,300 employees.

"There were countless opportunities to interface with the engineering and scientific managers and their teams," Worthington said. "I learned about the technical aspects of the mission and their unique support requirements, and made it my purpose in whatever staff job I held, to ensure that they received the very best mission support possible."

She said working for ATC was a "wonderful" experience.

"I am grateful for all of the opportunities I was provided at the U.S. Army

Aberdeen Test Center," Worthington said. "I had a lot of demanding responsibilities and the job always gave me fresh challenges. It was a very exciting and interesting place to work."

Linda A. Bennett, DTC

Bennett received a gold award for the Outstanding Administrative Assistance/Management Assistant category.

She is the administrative assistant to the Senior Executive Service director and NH-IV associate director of Test Management, Headquarters U.S. Army Developmental Test Command.

Bennett is credited as the key to the successful management of all technical information flow regarding test planning, execution and reporting for more than 2,000 tests annually involving 9 million man hours command-wide. She also reviews more than 600 safety releases annually before the commander signs. These documents are needed so weapon systems can be tested by Soldiers or fielded in support of the Global War on Terrorism or the Army at large.

Given the sustained high level of activity in the directorate in support of war efforts, Bennett's understanding of the directorate ensured the director and associate director were pro-active in addressing employees' concerns.

In addition, Bennett has worked with five different acting directors and provided a welcoming environment and situational awareness that resulted in smooth transitions.

She also initiated a HQ Administra-

tive Support Group where a group of employees discuss ways to improve the headquarters administrative process.

"Winning the award is a great reflection of what we do in this command," Bennett said.

Bennett thanked her coworkers for their hard work.

"There are a lot of dedicated people here who make sure what we give to the Soldiers is the right equipment to do their jobs and will keep them safe," she said. "I'd also like to thank Joyce Hires, my supervisor, for taking the time to recognize the efforts in this office."

Susan D. Angelucci, DTC

Angelucci received a gold award for the Volunteer Service category. The executive assistant for the DTC commanding general has been volunteering with the Havre de Grace Ambulance Corps since 2000 and became a licensed emergency medical technician in 2004.

In 2006, she helped to save the life of Vince Way, a fellow EMT who has leukemia, a life-threatening blood disease. His only chance of surviving was to receive a complete bone marrow transplant. Finding a bone marrow match was difficult and each individual test costs \$52.

Angelucci organized numerous fundraising events to have hundreds of individuals tested and her efforts resulted in more than \$35,000 in donations, making it possible to test 650 people.

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Photo by DAVID A. SALAZAR, USAREC
Duff Goldman, host of the Food Network's "Ace of Cakes," rides on the Advanced Automotive Recovery Department's Abrams M1A2 tank during a tour of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools June 11. Goldman and his executive sous chef, Geof Manthorne, toured Aberdeen Proving Ground for inspiration on making the Army birthday cake that was unveiled at the June 14 Orioles and Nationals baseball game.

Host of Food Network's 'Ace of Cakes' visits APG for Army Birthday cake inspiration

Story by
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The host of the Food Network's "Ace of Cakes" had a taste of the Army while he and his executive sous chef toured the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' facilities during a visit to Aberdeen Proving Ground June 11.

The "Ace of Cakes" crew filmed host Duff Goldman and Geof Manthorne, executive sous chef, touring OC&S for an episode that is slated to run in September. The tour served as inspiration for the Food Network stars that were selected to make an Army Birthday cake. The cake was unveiled at a celebration June 14 during the Baltimore Orioles' home game against the Washington Nationals.

The tour began at the Ordnance Museum where they were greeted by Col. Frank Merritt, OC&S chief of staff.

"This is a great opportunity for us and one of the fun things we don't get to do often," Merritt said. "I hope that Duff gets a good representation of what we do in the Army and what our Soldiers go through."

Merritt gave Goldman and Manthorne an overview

of OC&S and spoke to them about training.

He said last year 18,000 Soldiers were trained across nine locations including APG, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.; Fort Gordon, Ga.; Fort Jackson, S.C.; and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Merritt also talked to how training has evolved after 9-11.

"Before nine eleven, we focused on basic combat training," he said. "Now, after Soldiers are finished with BCT, they go through advanced individual training where they receive technical training to swap engines and hand-to-hand combat skills they need to survive [while fighting in the War on Terrorism]."

Ed Heasley, curator of the Ordnance Museum, showed Goldman and Manthorne antique weapons in the museum vault such as the naval cutlass, a military sword; a 1913 Patton Sabre, a sword with a curved blade designed by George S. Patton and an XM8 assault rifle.

The visitors also saw additional weapons at Hatcher Hall where Sgt. 1st Class William Taylor, instructor for the Conventional Weapons Department of Ordnance Mechanical Main-

tenance School, showed them 60 and 81 mm mortars, numerous kinds of machine guns and an M107 sniper rifle.

Maj. Steven Dowgielwicz, an instructor/writer for the Command and Staff Department of the OMMS, showed the Food Network stars the Virtual Convoy Combat Trainer, a series of trailers that contain High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles and panoramic screens. He explained that operators of the VCCT can program the equipment to simulate improvised explosive devices, mortar and insurgent attacks on the screens.

Dowgielwicz said exposing the visitors to the trainer showed APG's extensive commitment to training Soldiers for war.

"Too many people don't understand what happens on a training post," he said. "The VCCT shows them that we train our Soldiers the best we can. By the time they leave, they have a concept of what to expect and know what things they have to think about in a combat environment."

Goldman and Manthorne also experienced what Army vehicles were like when they rode in a 120 Mortar Carrier Stryker.

They also had the chance to ride in the Advanced Automotive Recovery Department's Abrams M1A2 and M88A2 tanks after Chief Warrant Officer 5 Roger Cupolo, chief of AARD; Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Hardy, instructor for the M1 Maintenance Department of the AARD; and Staff Sgt. Robert Morehouse, instructor for the Recovery school, briefed them on safety and talked to them about the vehicles.

Goldman and Manthorne spent their lunch at the mess hall in building 4503 talking with Soldiers about their experiences in Iraq.

The Soldiers expressed appreciation for the Food Network stars visiting APG.

"It's an honor they would take time out to visit Soldiers here," said Sgt. 1st Class David Holmes, shift noncommissioned officer in charge, Forward Operating Base Wolverine. "It shows that they are appreciative of the things we're doing."

Holmes said he was glad Duff was chosen to make the birthday cake.

"I've seen his work before on the show, and I'm sure he will do something great for the occasion," he said.

"I think [the show's staff constructing the cake] sends a great message," said Capt. Andrew Ruiz, commander of the FOB Wolverine. "It shows that they are patriotic and demonstrates they are supporting the Soldiers."

After learning about the activities that a training post completes, Goldman showed admiration for all of the preparation OC&S does for war efforts.

"It's pretty amazing to see the amount of preparation and work they [OC&S] do to prepare Soldiers, machinery and weapons," he said. "It takes a great level of dedication to keep up on systems and weapons that are constantly changing."

He said he heard how this training was put into effect by talking with the Soldiers who not only survived enemy attacks



Photo by HEATHER TASSMER
Ed Heasley, curator of the Ordnance Museum, shows Food Network "Ace of Cakes" host Duff Goldman antique knives in the museum's vault during the June 11 APG tour.

but also had the knowledge to survive with their equipment.

Goldman said working as a cake decorator, he knows how much effort it takes to make the finished product of a cake and now because of the tour, he knows all that it takes to make the finished product of a Soldier.

Sean Marshall, chief of Advertising and Public Affairs for the 1st Recruiting Brigade, and Laura Ernst, a media buyer for McCann Erickson, an Army advertising agency, came up with the idea that Goldman should make the 232nd Army birthday cake.

Marshall said in April he was visiting Ernst to brainstorm for this year's Army birthday. Marshall said he found out Ernst was a big fan of "Ace of Cakes" so they decided to get Goldman involved in the celebration.

They chose APG as a place for Goldman to visit because of its equipment and technology, Marshall said.

"APG represents the coolness of the Army," Marshall

said. "It has a lot of tanks and is a great place to show off technology."

APG News will announce the date of the cake episode when it is scheduled.

"Ace of Cakes"

During "Ace of Cakes," which is filmed at Charm City Cakes in Baltimore, Goldman and his team of culinary professionals, artists and architects tackle a new challenge each week.

The crew often shapes the cakes with blowtorches, drills and saws. Their elaborate creations include a tilted Dr. Seuss-like seven-tiered wedding cake, a replica of Wrigley Field and a replica of the Lombardi Trophy placed on top of a 6-foot-long football field that was served at an official NFL Super Bowl party.

"Ace of Cakes" airs 10:30 p.m. each Thursday on the Food Network.

For more information, visit the "Ace of Cakes" Web site, http://www.foodnetwork.com/food/show_db.



Photo by DAVID A. SALAZAR, USAREC
Star of Food Network's "Ace of Cakes" Duff Goldman presents his creation to Gen. Richard Cody, the U.S. Army Vice Chief of Staff, prior to the Baltimore Oriole's celebration of the Army's 232nd Birthday at Camden Yards June 14.

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Army News

\$20K bonus, other incentives available for some active duty captains

Army News Service

A new Critical Skills Retention Bonus of \$20 thousand is available to more than 7,000 regular Army captains who agree to remain on active duty beyond their initial active duty service obligation.

The bonus is part of a “menu of incentives” targeting officers nearing completion of their initial active duty service obligation who are willing to remain on active duty an additional three years. Other incentives include graduate school, military school, transfer of branch or functional area, or post of choice.

The incentives will help the Army retain company-grade officers with valuable experience, said Col. Paul Aswell, chief, Officer Division, Directorate of Military Personnel Management, Army G1.

The Army is currently growing to increase capabilities and reduce stress over the long term. This has led to an increased need of nearly 6,000 captains and majors since 2004, according to Aswell.

The branches considered critical for the purposes of the CSRB include: air defense, adjutant general, armor, chemical, engineer, field artillery, finance, infantry, military intelligence, military police, ordnance, quartermaster, signal corps and transportation corps. Officers originally commissioned in these branches are eligible for all incentives on the menu. Officers commissioned into the Army nurse corps or medical science corps are also eligible for the CSRB.

Aviation officers are not eligible at this time due to their longer initial ADSOs, but the Army is working to draft an incentive program to offer them by year’s end.

Eligible captains must have a date of rank between March 1, 2005, and Jan. 1, 2007. Similar incentives will be offered to captains in other year groups, Aswell said.

The CSRB and other incentives are just part of the Army’s efforts at eliminating the officer shortage, he said. The Army has moved up the promotion to major from 11 years to 10, and is considering moving it to the ninth year of service.

Aswell noted that earlier promotion points and higher rates reflect the Army’s recognition of the higher experience level among today’s company grade officers and the value of their service.

“It takes the Army ten years to grow a major,” Aswell said. “To grow the active officer force, we must keep officers who in the past have left active service.”

He went on to say he is confident the new incentives will improve retention of company-grade officers on active duty to well-above historic rates.

“We’ve done a number of studies, including a very specific study last year on the value of a bonus to active duty officers,” Aswell said. “We’re confident that the incentives we’re offering will make a difference to those junior officers we really want to keep on active duty.”

Officials optimistic about Army recruiting despite May shortfall

Story by
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Army News Service

Defense officials said June 11 they’re not overly concerned that the Army fell slightly short of its recruiting goal for May, noting that the service is still 2,000 recruits ahead of its year-to-date goals.

Bill Carr, acting deputy undersecretary of defense for Military Personnel Policy, declared May “a successful month” for recruiting, noting that three of the four services met or exceeded their active duty goals.

“The Army missed, but is still ahead of the game, year to date,” Carr said during a conference call with veterans’ service organization members. “And we’re optimistic that the year will close okay.”

The Army recruited 5,101 active duty Soldiers in May, 399 short of its 5,500-

Soldier goal, the Defense Department announced today.

The Navy and Air Force both met their May goals, with 2,709 and 2,451 recruits, respectively.

The Marine Corps exceeded its May goal by 34 percent, signing on 2,225 new Marines.

Four of the six reserve components met or exceeded their May goals.

The Army Reserve, with 3,929 accessions, topped its goal by 6 percent.

The Marine Corps Reserve brought in 1,043 new members, 111 percent of its goal.

The Navy Reserve recruited 913 Sailors, 105 percent of its goal; and the Air Force Reserve signed on 675 airmen, 104 percent of its goal.

The Army National Guard recruited 5,612 Soldiers, 12 percent short of its

goal; and the Air National Guard signed on 736 airmen, 77 percent of its goal.

Carr said retention remains solid across the board, with all services meeting or exceeding their May goals. Deployed troops reported during surveys that they are “a few percentage points” less inclined to reenlist, but Carr said the “flat” overall retention picture suggests that current retention trends will continue, at least for the near term.

That flat projection is expected to apply to recruiting, too, with no major shifts expected in the propensity of young people to join the military, he said.

This outlook isn’t as positive among influencers and parents, those adults who help young people make decisions about joining the military. Support among this group “continues to dwindle as the war progresses,” Carr said.

Customer training available on acquisition process

RDECOM AC

The Army acquisition process can easily be compared to an elaborate labyrinth consisting of complex rules, regulations, policies and procedures that only a seasoned contracting professional can

seem to navigate.

James K. Warrington, executive director, U.S. Army Research, Development, and Engineering Command Acquisition Center; Cynthia H. Phillips, director, Edgewood Contracting Division; and the

Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center teamed up to present a workshop titled, “Just in Time” Acquisition training May 29.

The RDECOMAC objective was to educate and re-familiarize its customers about the

acquisition process.

The workshop was the first in a series to be offered to RDECOM AC customers on the contracting process. Presenters included staff from RDECOM AC and ECBC.

Chuck Comaty, ECD contracting officer, provided an overview of the entire contracting process, explaining that actions taken were dictated by law and regulation, not the whim of the contracting officer.

Doretha Green, ECBC industrial engineer, presented an overview of statements of work, who should prepare them, what they must contain and guidance on how they

should be prepared.

Jackie Burke, acquisition and data management specialist, RDECOM AC Innovative Business Process Team, offered an overview of the RDECOM AC Web site, **www.rdecom-ac.army.mil**, and location of helpful tools in preparing some of the required documentation. This workshop will be repeated as requested or required.

It was very well attended, and surveys completed by participants indicated that it met the needs of our current customers.

Comments from some of the 41 attendees stated “Speakers were extremely knowledgeable in subject area,” “Presentations were well put together,” “Cov-

erage of the Web site resources was useful,” and “We should do this every quarter with new topics.”

“The selection of workshop topics is influenced by customer’s requests and the need identified by RDECOM AC’s contracting officers,” Phillips said.

Tentative future workshop topics include preparing procurement request packages, solicitations, the evaluation process and awarding contracts.

For additional information on RDECOM AC workshops, e-mail Gwen Johnson, gwen.johnson@us.army.mil or Carol Edmead, carol.edmead@us.army.mil.

Attention departing card holders, billing officials

ACA APG DOC

When a cardholder or billing official is being reassigned, separated from federal service or retiring, a written request must be submitted by their billing official or office chief to the APG Directorate of Contracting Agency/Organization Program Coordinator (e-mail: creditcard@apg.army.mil) no later than 30 days prior to their

departure.

In extraordinary situations, when an unscheduled departure is within less than 30 days, notification of the departure shall be made as soon as it is known.

The cardholder shall stop all purchase activity no later than 30 days prior to their departure and ensure their account balance is paid in full prior to their job reassignment, separa-

tion or retirement.

The billing official is responsible for destroying the card and notifying the A/OPC when the card or billing account has been paid in full.

Termination of the billing official’s account will also result in the termination of all cardholder accounts assigned to the billing official.

The Civilian Personnel Clearance Form, EAP 1132, and DA Form 137-1R include the requirement for billing officials and cardholders to obtain the signature of the A/OPC or the alternate A/OPC prior to terminating post employment.

The APG DOC A/OPC and alternate are located in the Robert Morris Building at 4118 Susquehanna Avenue and are available from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to sign clearance forms. To ensure availability, call Diane Schneider, 410-278-0848 or Dennis Bolen, 410-278-0849 for an appointment.

For additional information regarding the Government Purchase Card Program, visit the APG DOC Web site, **<http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/Restricted/aca/index.html>**.



Formerly the Javits-Wagner-O’Day Program

AbilityOne adopts new brand identity

Story by
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*Committee for Purchase From
People Who Are Blind or Have
Other Severe Disabilities*

The independent federal

agency that administers the AbilityOne (formerly Javits-Wagner-O’Day) Program has approved a new logo for the recently adopted AbilityOne

Program name.

The new logo will be available for use by nonprofit and government agencies participating in this governmentwide initiative.

The logo creates a unique brand identity for the AbilityOne Program -- to help communicate what makes the program special, to distinguish it from other programs and to leave a lasting impression with various audiences.

“Branding is essential in today’s marketing world,” said Andrew D. Houghton, chairperson for the committee. “This brand will establish an identity for current and future participants to think of AbilityOne first. Our conception was for people to recognize our brand and immediately know who we are, “AbilityOne” the program that provides thousands of jobs for people who are blind or have other severe disabilities and quality products and services to our federal government customers.”

After the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Have Other Severe Disabilities approved the name change, a staff working group, including representatives from the program’s two Central Nonprofit Agencies, National Industries for the Blind and NISH (creating jobs for people with other severe disabilities), began working on the logo or graphic brand identity that will accompany the AbilityOne name in future communications.

The design represents different parts of the program coming together and becoming a unit. The three boxes represent people working together for one cause. The red box stands strong at the top, holding the name AbilityOne. The navy blue box holds a star, representing quality - “a job well done.” The light blue box represents the people and entities that make AbilityOne possible. The light blue is a field of color that stands alone or can hold different entity names such as “program,” “network” or “team member.” The logo also works as a seal of quality, a stamp of approval.

NISH unveiled the AbilityOne Program brand officially April 29 during opening ceremonies at its National Training and Achievement Conference in Grapevine, Texas. The new logo and guidelines for its use will be posted soon on the Committee’s Web site, **www.JWOD.gov** or **www.AbilityOne.gov**.

Although the name has changed, the AbilityOne Program’s mission remains the same--to provide employment opportunities for people who are blind or have other severe disabilities in the manufacture and delivery of products and services to the federal government.

As the largest source of employment of people who are blind or have other severe disabilities in the United States, the AbilityOne Program taps into the abilities of nearly 47,000 individuals nationwide in coordination with over 600 nonprofit agencies.

The Javits-Wagner-O’Day Program name and JWOD acronym will continue to be used for the next 12 months alongside the AbilityOne brand.

Poor ticket sales cause APG Theater to close its doors

AAFES

Poor ticket sales have caused the Aberdeen Proving Ground Theater to close after many years of business.

Annual contributions given to local Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs would have seen a decline if the [post] theater continued to operate at a loss, said Leo Bitner, Army and Air Force Exchange System general manager of the Fort Meade Consolidated Exchange, which includes APG.

Bitner said AAFES has had to take a hard look at whether or not to continue operating any facility that is operating at a loss. That placed the APG Theater at the top of the list.

Ticket sales for the past several years have shown a steady decline. The bottom line is that the theater hasn’t made a profit since 2002.

“A review of the fiscal year 2006 operating results for the Aberdeen Theater reveals that it has operated at a loss for the past four years,” Bitner said. “Fiscal year 2006 reflects a negative five percent bot-

tom line operating result and so far, fiscal year 2007 reflects a negative bottom line as well.”

From February through April 2007, AAFES movie showings at the theater cost AAFES a loss of more than \$7,000.

“Those negative operating results have a direct negative impact on AAFES’ morale, welfare and recreation contributions to the post,” Bitner said. “Those declining attendance numbers do not reflect the need for AAFES to continue movie showings.

“In addition, the theater and equipment is very old. The projectors broke recently and the estimate to repair was eleven thousand dollars. That money coupled with thousands of dollars needed to upgrade the snack stand, movie screen, curtains and seating has made it cost prohibitive to continue showing movies at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Theater, so closing the theater is something we simply had no choice in doing,” he said.

Monica McCollough, former AAFES manager of the theater, said she is disappointed the theater had to close.

“Personally for me, since my husband

is active duty, it breaks my heart,” McCollough said. “The movie theater is part of military life.”

She said that there were a “handful of very dedicated” customers but their business along with AAFES efforts to keep prices low still wasn’t enough to keep the theater in operation.

The theater experienced a decline in business when Regal Cinemas opened in Abingdon and the Loews Theater opened in White Marsh, she said.

“After a new hit movie came out, it took us two or three weeks until we could get the movie,” McCollough said. “Teenagers who really want to see a hit movie would pay the full price at an outside movie theater instead of waiting to see it here.”

Although the theater will not be showing movies anymore, it will still be used for training and other activities.

Last year AAFES returned more than \$390,000 to MWR programs in the APG community. Overall, AAFES has given more than \$2.4 billion to MWR programs in the last 10 years.

Managing deer ticks, bites and more

DIO

Why are there so many deer ticks?

The answer to this question is simple; because there are a lot of deer. So why are there so many deer in Maryland today? According to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources the white-tailed deer population is more numerous today than prior to the European settlement of North America. This is due mainly to a lack of natural predators, such as wolves and mountain lions.

Today, mankind is the only predator of the white-tailed deer in the state of Maryland. This lack of predation, combined with many of mankind’s activities, such as suburban development, has presented the white-tailed deer with a perfect environment to rise to abundant numbers.

The white-tailed deer is the primary host of the deer tick (or the black-legged tick).

The life cycle of the deer tick is complex and may take up to three blood hosts, and three years to complete.

It is estimated that 90 percent of adult female deer ticks will feed on the white-tailed deer before laying their eggs, and an adult female may lay up to 3,000 eggs in her lifetime.

Controlling the deer population

Every year the DNR opens an official hunting season on the white-tailed deer.

During the 2004-2005 hunting season, more than 4,000 deer were removed from Harford County alone, with approximately 900 being removed from Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Unfortunately, this is not enough, and other measures must be taken to help control the deer tick population.

At APG, four-poster deer feeding stations are being used in an effort to help control the population of deer ticks. These feeding stations contain pesticides to kill deer ticks, which are applied to the white-tailed deer as it feeds from the station.

This method of control has been very successful in other parts of the state and throughout the country.

Preventing tick bites

Make sure that outdoor areas where people and pets are present are properly mowed. This is very important as ticks prefer to use long grasses to reach a host.

Also, the use of simple prevention techniques such as wearing pants and long sleeves in grassy or wooded areas, wearing personal insect repellants, and checking clothing and body regularly for ticks can greatly reduce the chance of a tick bite.

First-aid for tick bite

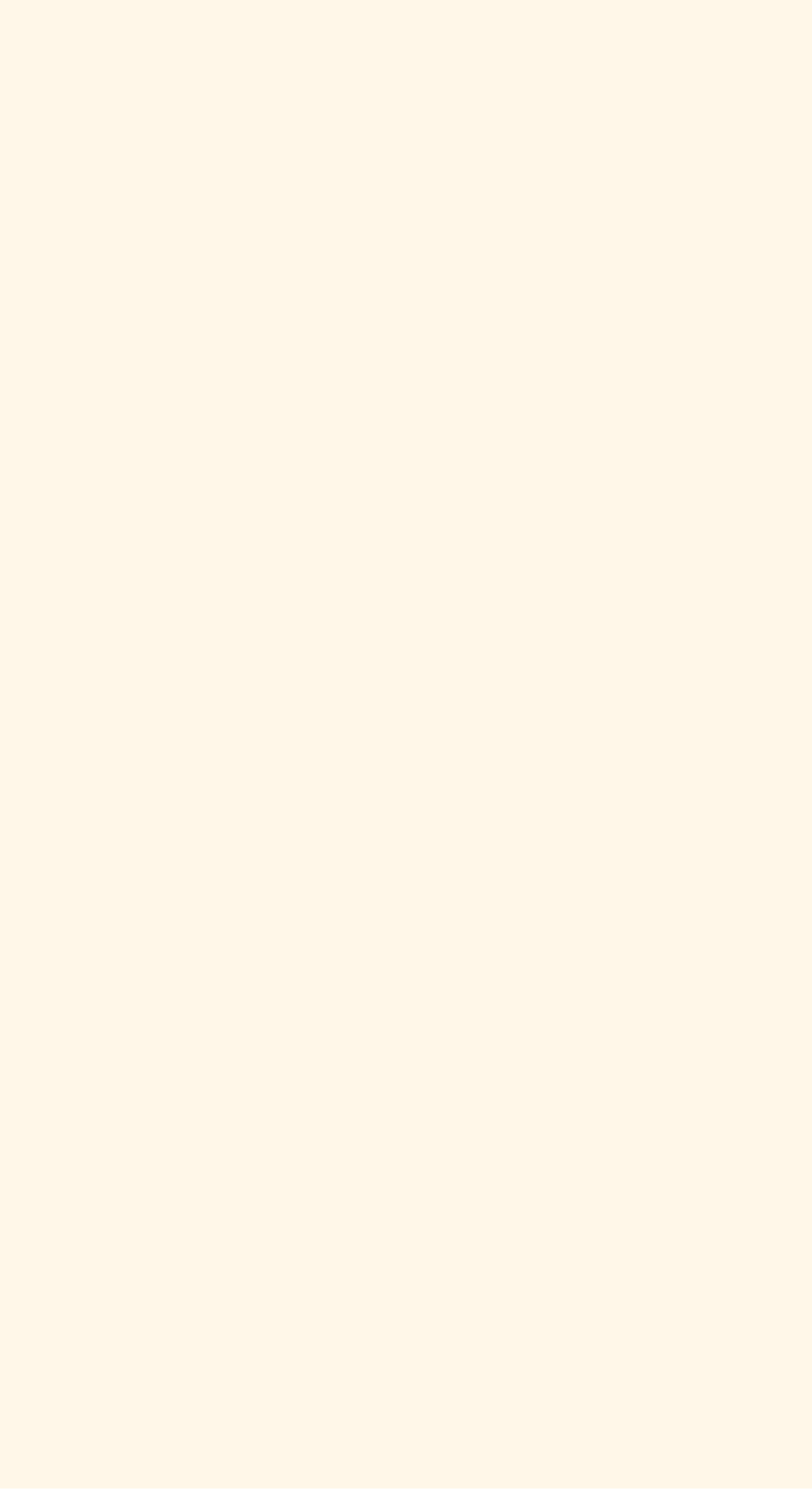
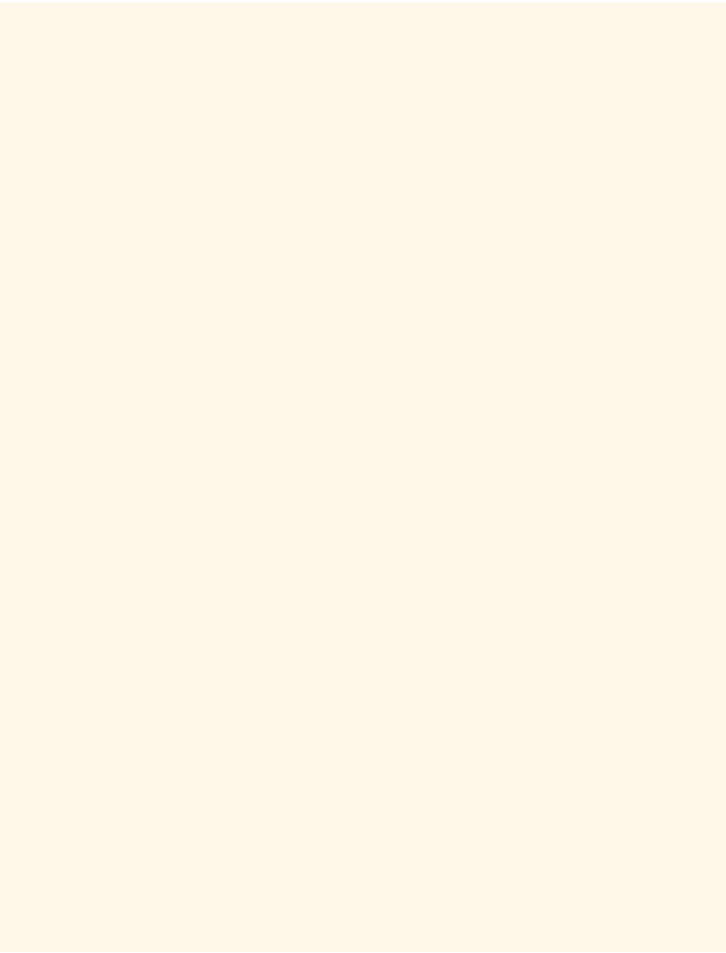
If someone receives a tick bite, remove the tick immediately using tweezers.

Do not attempt to remove the tick through burning, petroleum jelly, finger nail polish, etc., as these materials are ineffective.

Monitor the bite, and, if a red rash appears or if flu-like symptoms begin, seek immediate medical treatment as these are signs of Lyme disease.

For more information, contact Abdul Sheikh, entomologist, Directorate of Installation Operations’ Business Management Division, 410-278-3303.

Post Shorts



to 15. The store will remain open until midnight on July 13 and then will open 6 a.m., July 14 with regular hours on July 15. There will be gift card drawings 6 p.m. to midnight, July 13 and all day Saturday. Customers must be present to win.

Writing an effective IEP

Army Community Service will hold a free workshop - How to Write an Effective Individual Education Plan at ACS building 2754 Rodman Road conference room. Two workshops will be held 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., June 28 and Sept. 20. All service members, civilians, Family members and retirees are eligible to attend this workshop.

- The focus includes:
- Essential elements within an IEP
 - Laws and regulations surrounding special education
 - Advocating a child’s special education services

- Alternative solutions

Parents are encouraged to bring a copy of their child’s most recent IEP to the session. RSVP by June 25.

For more information or to register, call the Exceptional Family Member Program Manager, 410-278-2420.

Mentoring Program application period extended

The application period for the Mentoring Program has been extended until tomorrow. For more information, see <http://www.apgnews.apg.army.mil/Archive/pdf2007/June0707/June0707.pdf>, page 7.

Top of the Bay price increase

Effective July 1, Top of the Bay will redesign their lunch program. The hot buffet will become self-serve and will include a side salad, fruit punch or iced tea, rolls and butter and will cost \$7.95 per person. Carry out buffets will cost \$8.25 per person.

The sandwich and salad bar will remain the same.

OSJA Client Services closed July 5

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Client Services Division, Legal Assistance Office will not have a walk-in service available on Thursday, July 5. Clients with any questions should contact the Legal Assistance Office at 410-278-1583 before that date. Walk-in services will resume the following Thursday.

Job vs. Career classes for teens

Army Community Service will hold Job vs. Career Classes for teens, ages 13 through 18, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., at ACS Classroom building 2754. Classes will be held July 18 and Aug. 15.

Today’s workforce offers many challenges and rewards. Teens will learn the benefit of a career over a job. The

ACS Employment program and Tina Mike, APGFCU Education director, will help guide teens through the job and career preparation process so they can achieve their own employment success.

- Topics include:
- what employers are looking for
 - how to apply for a job
 - tips on resume writing
 - interviewing experience

For more information or to enroll teens in this free class, call Marilyn Howard, ACS Employment Readiness, 410-278-9669

ACS presents Smart Start Your Business seminars

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program in partnership with Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union and HCC SBDC will sponsor Smart Start Your Business seminars. This free 90-minute orientation program provides an overview of the ways to start a business, the skills and duties of a successful entrepreneur and how to write a strategic business plan. Other services offered by the SBDC will also be discussed.

Seminars will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 19, Oct. 31 and Nov. 14.

For more information or to RSVP, call 410-278-9669.

ACS holds Waiting Families Support Group meetings

The Waiting Families Support Group is scheduled for 6 to 7 p.m., Wednesdays, at Army Community Service, building 2754 Rodman Road. This group is designed to provide resource information to assist spouses and Family members remaining behind while the military sponsor serves on unaccompanied tours, extended TDY, or deployments.

Meetings will be held July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct.

17, Nov. 14 and Dec. 5. For more information, call Marilyn Howard, ACS, building 2754 Rodman Road, 410-278-9669/7572.

SOLE holds luncheon

The International Society of Logistics (formerly Society of Logistics Engineers) will hold a luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., July 23, in Top of the Bay’s Gunpowder Room featuring guest speaker David Shaffer deputy to the commander, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command. Seating is limited.

For more information, contact Larry Seed, 410-297-9550, larry.seed@msaincorp.com, or Paul Nelson, 410-436-4575, paul.nelson@us.army.mil.

ACS holds Job Fair

The ACS Employment Readiness Program in partnership with the APG Military Transition Assistance Program will hold a Job Fair, 1 to 5 p.m., July 24, at the Aberdeen North Recreation Center. There will be various employers for full and part-time positions available. The Job Fair is free and open to the public.

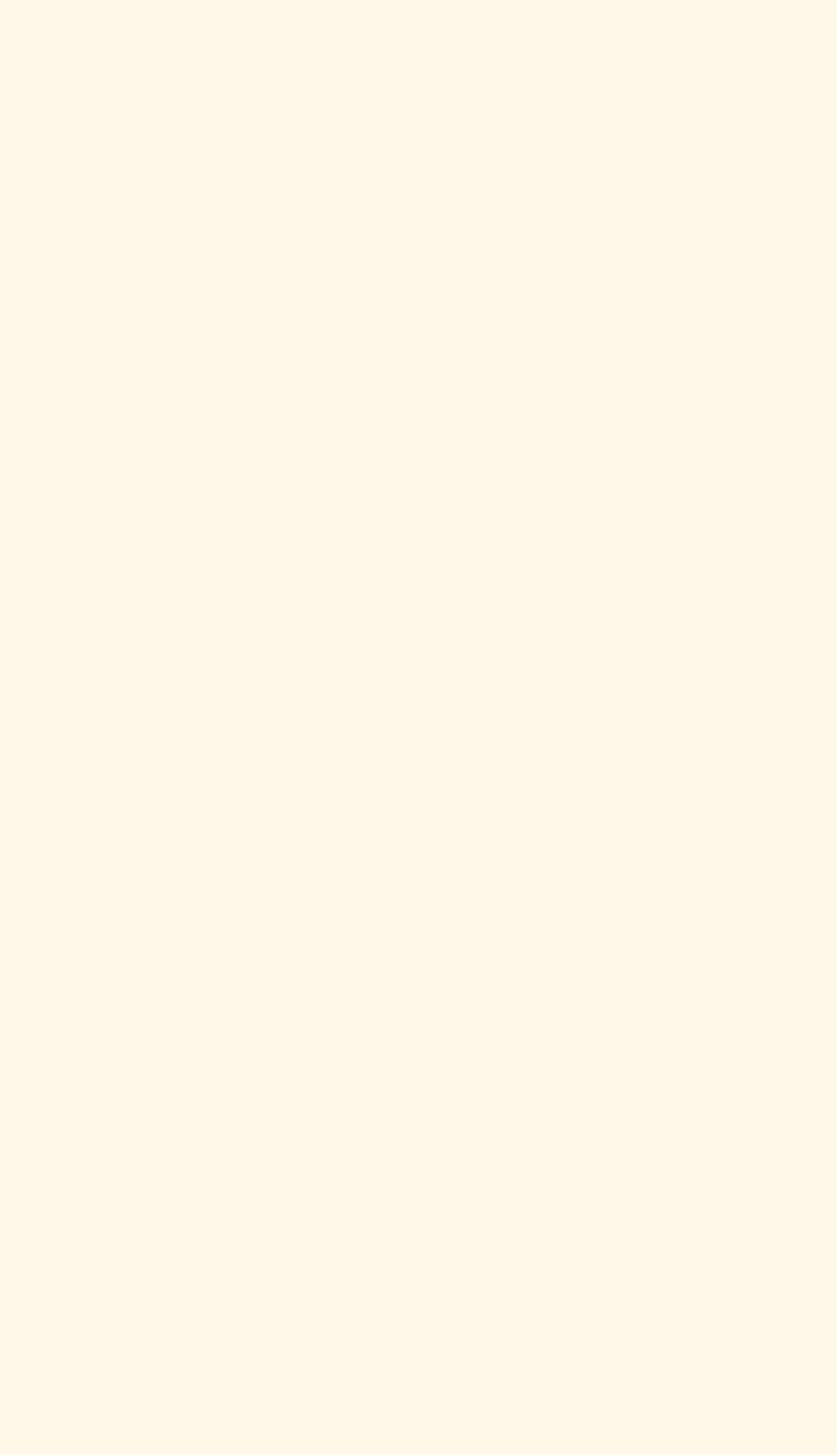
For more information, call the Employment Readiness Program, building 2754, 410-278-9669.

Thrift Shop holds bag sale through August

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Thrift Shop, located in building 2458, is holding a \$2 Bag Sale during regular business hours through August. Sale items are mainly men’s, women’s and children’s clothing.

The Thrift Shop hours of operation are Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-8572 during business hours.

(Editors Note: More Shorts can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Shorts.)



Community Notes

FRIDAY
JUNE 22
MARTHA'S TREASURE HUNTERS

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a cruise, 9 to 11 a.m., for children only, ages 6 to 10. Tickets cost \$15 per child. Reservations are required. Children become pirates of the Bay aboard the skipjack Martha Lewis in search of sunken treasure. Children will read a map and help navigate the boat to find the treasure. For more information or to make reservations, call 410-939-4708.

SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
JUNE 24
THROUGH 28
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Edgewood Baptist Church, located on 422 Edgewood Road, will hold Vacation Bible

School for everyone, 6 to 9 p.m. The theme is "Game Day Central Where Heroes are Made Hebrew 12:1-2." Join in the exciting sports adventure while studying God's word through the sporting theme and discover the true heroes of the Bible. A family night will be held 6 to 9 p.m., June 29. For more information or to register, call 410-676-5838.

MONDAY
JUNE 25
TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy will offer its first Teddy Bear Picnic aboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis, 11 a.m. The skipjack will depart from Tydings Park, 352 Commerce Street in Havre de Grace. Children can bring their favorite teddy bear or doll. Tickets cost \$10 per person and include a 90 minute sail on the Susquehanna Flats and enjoy a simple lunch with your child.

Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

STORYTIME CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Storytime Cruise, 6:30 p.m., on the Skipjack Martha Lewis. Tickets cost \$10 per person, for ages 3 to 8. Passengers can board the ship at Tydings Park, Havre de Grace for a 90-minute cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area while enjoying snacks and stories for youngsters. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 27
LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a narrated Lighthouse cruise, noon to 3 p.m., aboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis in Havre de Grace. Tickets cost \$30 per person and include a boxed lunch and water views of Concord Point, Turkey Point and Fishing Battery Island. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

TUESDAY
JULY 3
FIREWORKS CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Fireworks cruise, 7:30 p.m., on board the Skipjack Martha Lewis for viewing the Havre de Grace fireworks display. Cost is \$50 per person (must be over 21 years of age) and includes a relaxing cruise with wine, beer, sodas and light fair followed by the best view of the fireworks. Passengers can board the Skipjack Martha Lewis at Hutchins Park, located at the foot of Congress Avenue in Havre de Grace. Reservations are required and payments can be made with credit card.

For more information or to make a reservation, call 410-939-4078.

FRIDAY
JULY 6
HAPPY HOUR CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a Happy hour cruise onboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis departing at 5 p.m. Passengers can board the ship at Tydings Park, 352 Commerce Street, Havre de Grace. Tickets cost \$35 per person (must be over 21) and includes a two-hour cruise around the Susquehanna Flats area, beer, soda and light appetizers. Reservations required. Credit cards will be accepted. For more information, to make a reservation or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

(Editors Note: More calendar events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Community Notes.)

Aberdeen Summer Concert Series

The town of Aberdeen will hold its annual Summer Concert Series 7 p.m., each Tuesday in Festival Park. Refreshments will be available. In the event of inclement weather, all performances will be held in Aberdeen Middle School's multi-purpose room.

June 26 - Jerry Haines

July 10 - No Pro Bono, Aberdeen's own Councilman Mike Hiob and partners Mark Boyle and Paul Scott

July 17 - Just Foolin' Around Band

July 24 - Don Shappelle

A singer, songwriter from Wilkes-Barre, PA, Don's songs

July 31 - The 389th Army Jazz Band (AMC's Own)

Aug. 7 - Chuck Baker Orchestra

Aug. 14 - Bay Country Gentlemen celebrate their 29th anniversary

Aug. 21 - The Upper Chesapeake Chorus, Sweet Adelines International

Host families needed

One hundred volunteer host families are needed to "adopt" two players each for the 2007 Cal Ripken World Series in Aberdeen, Aug. 8 to 18. Game dates are Aug. 11 to 18.

Volunteer parents will be required to provide beds for two players, food, housing, transportation and more.

Host Families will receive T-shirts, a Host Family celebration, a gift bag with an activities guide and coupons to support the Host Family's experience.

Teams include the Maryland State Champions, a Harford County representative team, teams from eight regions across the United States and six international teams from Japan, Canada, Australia, Mexico, South Korea and the Dominican Republic.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Janice Chan of the Ripken Foundation at 410-823-0808, e-mail jchan@ripkenfoundation.org or visit Web site, <http://worldseries.ripkenbaseball.com/>.



MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

Beat the summer heat with ‘Links to Lanes’

Nine holes of golf, two games of bowling with a bowling center meal ticket costs \$20 per player during July and August. Participation in APG North and South must be completed within the same week. The golf portion may be played Monday through Friday after 4:30 p.m. The bowling portion may be completed anytime the lanes are available.

For more information on this special, call 410-278-9452 or 410-278-4041.

APG holds Talent Show this Saturday

A Talent Show will be held 6:30 p.m., June 23, at the APG North Recreation Center; doors open 6 p.m. The event is open to the public.

Tickets cost \$5 for active duty

military, \$7 for non-military.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit MWR registration, APG North, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or APG South, Hoyle Gymnasium, building E-4210, 410-436-3375/7134.

New York City Liberty Tour

On July 7 cruise aboard the famous Circle Line cruise ship down Manhattan harbor to the Statue of Liberty for the best view in the city. Following the cruise, enjoy lunch on the coach touring famous and not-so-famous New York sights narrated by a professional and friendly step on guide. Then explore and shop in midtown Manhattan. Shop for souvenirs, browse at Macy’s or stroll Times Square. Cost of the trip is \$90 per person and includes roundtrip transportation, cruise and lunch.

Deadline for registration is June 22. The bus will depart 7:20 a.m. and return 9:30 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit MWR registration, APG North, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or Hoyle Gymnasium, APG South, building E4210, 410-436-3375/7134.

Do-it-yourself New York City tours

MWR has scheduled several trips to New York City – eight hours for sightseeing, shopping, seeing a Broadway matinee, venturing into China Town and more.

Trips will take place July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20 or Nov. 17. Cost of the trip is \$40 per person. The bus will depart 8:25 a.m. and will return 10:30 p.m. Open to all DoD card holders.

For more information or to

register, call or visit MWR Leisure Travel Services, APG North Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail MWR_LeisureTravel@apg.army.mil.

See the Wiggles

See Sam, Murray, Jeff and Anthony in “Racing to the Rainbow,” 3 p.m., Aug. 10, at the Baltimore 1st Mariner Arena. Tickets cost \$29.75. Seats are located on 200 level.

For more information, call MWR Leisure Travel Services, APG Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907, or e-mail mwr_registration@apg.army.mil.

Aberdeen Ironbirds tickets

Tickets are available for the following Aberdeen Ironbirds games:

- Williamsport Crosscutters, 7:05 p.m., July 11,
- Staten Island Yankees (Military Appreciation Night), 7:05 p.m., Aug. 16,
- Oneonta Tigers, 7:05 p.m., Sept. 6

Tickets cost \$13.50 per person and include a complimentary Ironbirds hat.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call MWR Leisure Travel Services at APG North Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail mwr_registration@apg.army.mil or visit Web site

www.apgmwr.com.

MWR begins daily bus trips to Atlantic City

Roll the bones on daily trips to Atlantic City. MWR Leisure Travel Services offers daily bus service to Trump Taj Mahal Casino and Bally’s Casino. Cost of the trip to Trump Taj Mahal is \$28 per person with \$22 back in cash and a \$5 buffet coupon. Cost of the trip to Tropicana Casino is \$22 with \$22 back in cash. Only for ages 21 and over.

The bus will leave Vitali’s Restaurant, Best Western in Edgewood at 9 a.m. and return at 9 p.m.

For more information, call MWR Leisure Travel Services at Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail mwr_registration@apg.army.mil.

MWR has Washington 2007 Kings Dominion season passes

The Italian Job Turbo Coaster, White Water Canyon, Rugrats Toonpike and more await visitors to Kings Dominion. Season passes for adults cost \$68 and season passes for juniors and seniors cost \$50. Purchase season passes by June 29. Open to all Department of Defense employees.

For more information or to purchase passes, call MWR

Leisure Travel Services, APG North Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail mwr_registration@apg.army.mil.

Disney High School Musical on ice

Tickets are available for Disney High School Musical: The Ice Tour, Nov. 2 through 4, at the 1st Mariner Arena, Baltimore.

For more information, call MWR Leisure Travel Services, Aberdeen Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907, or e-mail mwr_registration@apg.army.mil.

Orioles Baseball tickets available at MWR Leisure Travel Services

All game seats are located in Section 40 Row WW seats 11 and 12, Row XX seats 11 and 12. Tickets cost \$49 each.

Call 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail mwr_registration@apg.army.mil.

- Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Wednesday, July 25, 7:05 p.m.
- Boston Red Sox, Friday, Aug. 10, 7:05 p.m.
- Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Thursday, Aug. 30, 7:05 p.m.
- Boston Red Sox, Thursday, Sept. 6, 7:05 p.m.
- Boston Red Sox, Friday, Sept. 7, 7:05 p.m.
- New York Yankees, Friday, Sept. 28, 7:05 p.m.

Swimming pool operations

Pool passes and lessons on sale now

OLYMPIC POOL, BUILDING 3325

Daily operation: Through Aug. 26
Labor Day weekend: Sept. 1 through 3
Closing date: Monday, Sept. 3

Daily operation schedule

Child & Youth Services Day Camp: 9 to 11:30 a.m. through Aug. 17

Open swim hours: 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The lap swim lane is available during standard hours.

Weekend operation schedule: Open swim: 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

SHORE POOL, BUILDING 2031

No open swim schedule.

Lap swim, swim lessons, drown proofing and rentals only.

Swimming lessons: Through Aug. 10; Levels 1-6, Adult, Parent/Toddler are scheduled daily. (Determined by customer demand.)

Lap swim: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., through June 29

BAYSIDE POOL, BUILDING E-4655

Operates on same schedule as the Olympic Pool.

Weekend hours: 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Daily operation schedule

CYS Day Camp: 9 to 11 a.m. through Aug. 17

Open swim hours: 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

POOL PASS FEES

Daily.....	\$5
Under 5	Free
Guest of eligible patron.....	\$9
5 and under.....	\$2
Active duty E1 – E4.....	\$2
Lap swim.....	\$2

30-day pass

Individual	
E1 – E4.....	\$15
All others.....	\$35

Family	
E1 – E4.....	\$35
All others.....	\$70

Season pass

Individual	
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E1 – E4.....	\$40
All others	\$85

Family

E1- E4	\$80
All others	\$175

Season passes on sale at the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center in APG North, 410-278-4124, and at the Hoyle Gym in APG South, 410-436-3375.

SWIMMING LESSON FEES

Lesson location: Shore Pool; cost is \$50
*10% discount for each additional child in a session.

*10% discount for each additional session

Sports

Racquetball Tournament

A Start of Summer Racquetball Tournament will be held 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., June 23, at the Athletic Center, building 3300. The tournament is limited to ages 18 and over. There will be a round robin tournament with men’s and women’s divisions for players in A-advanced, B-intermediate, C-beginners and Open-net sure categories. Cost of entry is \$5 for active duty and \$10 for all others. Trophies

will be awarded to the top three in each division (determined by win or loss percentage). Military personnel with training in the morning should contact the tournament director prior to the registration deadline date for special scheduling.

Registration deadline is today.

For more information or to register, call MWR Leisure Travel, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907, e-mail

mwr-registration@apg.army.mil, or visit www.apgmwr.com.

Registering for Challenger Soccer Camp

Challenger Sports’ British soccer camps are the largest camps in the U.S. The camp includes individual skill development, professional British coaching staff, programs for all levels, daily world cup style tournament, free soccer ball, free T-shirt and a bonus British soccer Jersey if youths register 45 days before the camp.

Soccer Camp is scheduled for July 23 through 27.

Camp for ages 4 and 5 will be held 8:30 to 10 a.m., and costs \$72 per child; ages 6 through 14 will be held 10:10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and costs \$102 per child. Camp will be held at the Youth soccer field (APG North) on Bayside Drive.

For registration, go to www.challengersports.com and click on find a camp, click on type of camp (British Soccer camps) type in the APG zip code (21005) and click on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

Upcoming golf events

Senior Golf Special

Ruggles Golf Course is offering a Senior Golf Special to golfers age 55 or older: play Monday through Thursday until 2:30 p.m. for \$33. This special may not be used with any other discounts. Tee time registration is recommended.

For more information, call 410-278-4794 or e-mail david.correll@us.army.mil.

Summer Scramble

Ruggles Golf Course will hold a Summer Scramble open to all golfers, July 21 with an 8 a.m. start. Entry fee costs \$30 for annual patrons, \$45 for authorized patrons with a value card, and \$55 for guests and includes range balls, cart, hot dog with soda on turn, appetizers with beverages and prizes.

For more information or to register, call 410-278-4794, or visit the Pro Shop at Ruggles.



90th Anniversary Celebration Calendar of Events

(All dates are subject to change and weather conditions.)

July

- 26, Army Community Service Birthday Picnic, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

August

- TBA

September

- 29, Army Concert Tour

October

- TBA

(Editor’s note: This calendar will be updated as necessary. New or changed items will appear in italic bold print.)

November

- 10, APG 90th Anniversary Gala, Ripken Stadium, 7 to 11 p.m., for more information, call 410-278-1150. *Exhibitors welcome.*
- 15, Military Family Movie, ACS, 410-278-4372, 6 to 9 p.m.

December

- 5, ACS Christmas Party/Tree Lighting Ceremony, 410-278-4372, 6 to 9 p.m.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

Week of June 18

Special #1: Turkey club sub with bacon and cheese, choice of mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, potato chips, one cookie and soda for \$5.95.

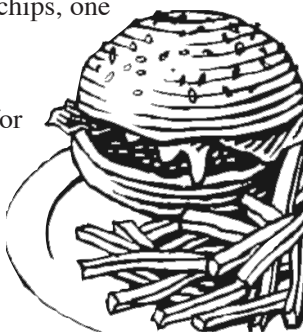
Special #2: Chicken filet club sandwich with bacon and cheese served on a hamburger bun with choice of mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, potato chips, one cookie and soda for \$6.85.

Week of June 25

Special #1: Two hot dogs, French fries, one cookie and soda for \$5.25.

Special #2: Grilled ham and cheese, potato chips, one cookie and soda for \$4.25.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.



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Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

James Addas	Carolyn Johnson
Sarah Boats	Reginald Johnson
William Bond	Beverly King (caring for husband)
Sandra Boyd	Cathryn Kropp
Debra Bonsall (daughter has brain tumor)	Joyce Mauldin
Jeanie Bowman	Louis McCarter (kidney failure)
Teresa Bridges	Sandra Miller
Rogelio Chevannes	Karen Moss
Brett Christy	Gloria Morales
George Colletta	Trudie Norman
James Craven	Cindy Orwig
Ruth Cunningham	Lester Pilcher
John Daigle	Judith Rembold
Shelia Davison (benign paroxysmal positional vertigo)	Barbara Seker
Marc Devecchio	Joyce Spies
Wayne L. Doyel	Alison Tichenor
Dawn Folck	Elizabeth Usmari
Cathleen Holmes	Louis Winters
David Harding	Sharon Woods
Ira Hines	Charles Young



Channel 21 features Pentagon Channel programming

The Pentagon Channel will feature the following programs on Channel 21. These programs are subject to change each week and will be updated accordingly.

Monday

- Around the Services, 8 a.m.
- Focus on the Force, 10 a.m.
- Army Newswatch, 11 a.m.
- Freedom Journal Iraq/AF Prime Time, 1 p.m.
- AFN Europe, 6:30 p.m.
- Around the Services, 8 p.m.
- Focus on the Force, 10 p.m.

Tuesday

- Around the Services, 8 a.m.
- Freedom Journal Iraq/AF Prime Time, 10 a.m.
- Focus on the Force, 1 p.m.
- Around the Services, 5:30 p.m.
- Army Newswatch, 7 p.m.
- Freedom Journal Iraq/AP Prime Time, 10 p.m.

Wednesday

- Around the Services, 8 a.m.
- Army Newswatch, 9:30 a.m.
- Focus on the Force, 2 p.m.
- AFN News Europe, 6:30 p.m.
- Around the Services, 8 p.m.
- Army Newswatch, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday

- AF Prime Time/Freedom Journal Iraq, 10 a.m.
- Around the Services, Noon
- Focus on the Force, 1 p.m.
- AFN News Europe, 1:30 p.m.
- Around the Services, 8 p.m.
- Focus on the Force, 9:30 p.m.

Friday

- Around the Services, 8 a.m., Noon
- Freedom Journal Iraq/AF Prime Time, 2:30 p.m.
- Army Football, 4 p.m.
- AFN News Europe, 6:30 p.m.
- Around the Services, 8 p.m.

Saturday

- Freedom Journal Iraq/AF Prime Time, 4 p.m.
- Army Newswatch, 7:30 p.m.
- Focus on the Force, 9 p.m.

Sunday

- Focus on the Force, 11:30 a.m.
- Army Healthwatch, 2 p.m.
- Army Newswatch, 4:30 p.m.

Army Newswatch – Bi-weekly report on the men and women of the Army

Around the Services – From the Pentagon Channel News Center, daily half-hour program featuring military news from top defense officials and the military services from around the world

RECON – A monthly information television program providing an in-depth look at a variety of topics, highlighting the accomplishments of U.S. military men and women.

Your Corps – Monthly view of the men and women of the Marine Corps

Freedom Journal Iraq – A daily news program produced by American Forces Network Iraq. The program focuses on military missions, operations and U.S. military forces in Iraq

Navy Marine Corp News – A weekly look at the men and women of today's sea service

Opportunity Showcase - A monthly program dealing with a variety of subjects that benefit small business owners, transitioning military members and other subjects of opportunity-produced by the U.S. Air Force

The American Veteran - A half-hour video news magazine designed to inform veterans, their Families and their communities about the services and benefits they have earned through their service to America and to recognize and honor that service

Battleground - Every weekend, this series features historic films from World War II, Korean War and the Vietnam War. A Pentagon Channel Original Series

Focus on the Force – A weekly program highlighting missions, operations and people of the U.S. military.

Inside Afghanistan – Presents the latest from Operation Enduring Freedom, showing the activities of American Troops in country.

ATS Reloaded – ATS-Reloaded revisits the best of the week and keeps viewers updated on information that's important to them.



Photos by RON KRAVITZ, DSHE

Requirements for motorcyclists on APG

Approved clothing for riding on APG

DSHE

During the daytime, the upper body must have some type of bright colored garment. Belt and arm bands do not meet the daytime use for highly visible standards. Belts and arm bands do not comply with the requirement for brightly colored upper garments. These arm bands and belts can be used in darkness, if they are reflective. This applies to the operator and passengers when in operation.

Rider and passenger can wear a long sleeved bright and highly visible shirt.

Rider and passenger can wear a bright and highly visible jacket, or the rider can wear the orange or green retro-reflective vest over dark or unacceptable colors e.g., a rider may wear a brightly colored reflective vest over BDU. A dark colored jacket or vest with integral retro-reflective stripes is not a brightly colored upper garment for daytime visibility.

The bright color of the garment must be dominant or it WILL NOT meet the criteria.

At night, the rider and passenger must have an upper body retro-reflective material/garment. This can be retro-reflective material such as a full jacket or vest, running/jogging belt worn diagonally over back and chest, or armbands on (both arms) only if they are of retro-reflective material. If a backpack is worn, the garment or reflective vest must cover it.



Precautions make motorcycling fun not fatal

Story by
LORI YERDON
U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center

Although May’s National Motorcycle Safety Awareness month ended, Soldiers, Family members and Department of Defense civilians need to keep in mind that safe motorcycle practices are a year-round responsibility.

Last month, in support of the national campaign, the Army increased awareness of motorcycle safety in an effort to help its riders prepare for peak riding months and increase safety awareness. However, three Soldiers were still injured and one killed in motorcycle accidents.

While more bikes than ever are registered on Army installations – about 35,000 – safety officials expect the number of accidents to increase proportionately. However, “accidents can be reduced, and many times prevented, by choosing the correct motorcycle and having the proper equipment and training,” stated Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston in his Leader’s Book Notes for April 2007.

In fiscal 2006, 49 Soldiers were killed in motorcycle accidents. Two-thirds of those fatalities were sergeants or above and over the age of 25. This shows that no matter what a person’s rank or riding experience level might be, they can be placed in a bad situation, said Brig. Gen. Doyle D. “Don” Broome.

Broome, deputy commanding general of U.S. Army Cadet Command, was involved in an accident while riding his motorcycle last year. The general credits his survival of the accident to training, while others credit the wear of PPE.

“I slid down the highway at about 35 mph, but was wearing all of my PPE [personal protective equipment] and survived the accident,” Broome said. “The same cannot be said for those who died in motorcycle accidents last year, many of whom were not wearing the proper PPE.”

Preston also pointed out in his Leader’s Book Notes for April 2007, that the Motorcycle Mentorship Program is another way leaders can set the example for younger, less experienced Soldiers,

Family members and DoD civilians. Although Broome has been riding motorcycles since he was a 14-year-old, he’s taken the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Course twice.

The MMP is a focused effort where more experienced riders can mentor those who are new to motorcycling, creating a positive environment for conduct and behavior while riding, Preston said.

Many posts and units have established mentoring organizations which Soldier riders can get involved in.

There are a few mentorship programs at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

“The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools has a viable one [motorcycle club] which establishes voluntary installation level motorcycle clubs where less experienced riders and seasoned riders can create a supportive environment of responsible motorcycle riding and enjoyment,” said H. Mike Allen, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment. “Such an environment creates positive conduct and behavior and serves as a force multiplier that supports a commander’s motorcycle accident prevention program.”

Additionally, all Soldiers are required to attend a Motorcycle Safety Foundation course prior to riding a motorcycle. MSF courses are free of charge and can be scheduled through installation safety offices.

Here on APG, the classes are as follows:

The Basic Rider Course is conducted 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for two days, building 5442, room 7, Range at Susquehanna Avenue and Havre De Grace Street. Dates are:

- July 3-5
- July 31-Aug. 1
- Sept. 5-6
- Oct. 2-3, 30-31
- Nov. 12 & 20

The Experienced Rider Course is conducted 7 a.m. to noon on the range at Susquehanna Avenue and Havre De Grace Street. Dates are:

- June 21 or 22
- July 6
- Aug. 2 or 3
- Sept. 7
- Oct. 4 or 5
- Nov. 1, 2 or 23

To register for a class, call Allen, 410-306-1081 or e-mail mike.allen@apg.army.mil.

Don’t become a statistic – prepare to ride by following these simple guidelines:

- Make sure driver’s licenses have motorcycle endorsements. Motorcycle safety foundation courses are required and provided by U.S. Army installations to Soldiers and DoD civilians free of charge. Consult the Installation Safety Office on local classes and policies.

- Wear a helmet and other protective gear to include proper eye protection, full fingered gloves, long trousers, long sleeved shirt or jacket, high visibility garments (bright color for day and retro-reflective for night) and leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes. These requirements for PPE apply to Soldiers at all times, whether riding on or off post. PPE not only provides comfort and protection from the elements, but also prevents injuries and is a means for other motorists to see riders wearing reflective material.

- Don’t have a drink and then drive. Consuming alcohol and driving a motorcycle or any motorized vehicle greatly enhances the chances of having an accident. Alcohol affects those skills essential to operate a motorcycle – balance and coordination.

- Preventive maintenance checks and services aren’t just for military vehicles. T-CLOCS was developed by the Motorcycle Foundation to assist motorcycle drivers with the inspection of a motorcycle. The inspection covers the areas that should be checked before operating or purchasing a motorcycle such as tires and wheels, controls, oil, chassis and lights. For the complete inspection list visit the USACRC Web site.

- Consider joining a motorcycle club. The USACRC MMP Web site has information on clubs Army-wide as well as safety tips, events and best practices for Soldiers. Currently there are 56 organizations.

For more information on motorcycle safety, visit one of the following Web sites:

- U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center
<https://crc.army.mil>
- U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center, Motorcycle Mentorship Program
<https://crc.army.mil/mmp>
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
www.nhtsa.dot.gov
- Motorcycle Safety Foundation
www.msf-usa.org

FEB

From front page

Out of the tested individuals, two were a match and the remaining donors were entered into the national donor program for transplant possibilities for hundreds of other patients.

All indications were that Way's transplant was a success but he died from other serious complications in January 2007.

Angelucci's efforts were not in vain. Her fundraising programs will benefit hundreds of future bone marrow transplant patients across the United States for years to come.

"If it weren't for Mister Way, I wouldn't have known that a bone marrow transplant could possibly save the life of someone with leukemia," she said. "I've learned so much, and I now know that what I did, with the support of a great group of people, will make a difference in someone's life."

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jose H. Marrero, OMMS

Marrero received a gold award for Outstanding Supervisor, Trades and Crafts.

Marrero is the Utilities Equipment Repair Division chief for the Tactical Support Equipment Department, OMMS.

Since arriving at the school 30 months ago, he has worked to improve training and the availability of special tools in the refrigeration arena.

In 2005, Marrero conducted research which resulted in an Army wide upgrade in the Basic Refrigeration Toolbox needed to support new equipment in the Army inventory.

In addition, Marrero and his crew upgraded the toolbox with state-of-the-art tools and coordinated the effort for these upgraded tool kits to be sent to deployed units in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He also developed, outfit-

ted, and led a mobile training team that was dispatched to multiple locations to train selected Soldiers in deploying units, resulting in the training and certification of more than 163 Soldiers from Fort Hood, Texas, and Fort Stewart, Ga.

Marrero shared his feelings on winning the gold award.

"It feels good to see that people get recognized for doing good things," he said. "I feel that the employees made everything happen. I just gave them the guidance to succeed."

He thanked his supervisor, Gary Neuser, and all of the employees of the Utilities Division for their collective efforts on the tool box.

Alan L. Yankolonis, DTC

Yankolonis received a gold award for Outstanding Supervisor, Grades 13 and Above.

As chief, Tank-automotive and Armaments Division, Directorate for Test Management, DTC, Yankolonis directs the day-to-day operations of 23 technical and engineering staff members.

He has been instrumental in developing standard test protocol for testing of quick reaction Global War on Terrorism initiatives. He oversaw testing and supported the rapid fielding of the Interim Frag Kit doors for the M1114 High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle resulting in a design completed in one weekend that defeated and mitigated existing and new improvised explosive devices threats in Iraq.

Yankolonis also led an effort to quickly develop a Rocket Propelled Grenade armor protection design for Stryker vehicles.

His oversight in an effort that assessed possible degradation of body armor caused the Army and Marines to re-look their quality assurance test results and recall more than 18,000 body armor vests that had not met ballistic requirements.

"This is a win for the whole command," Yankolonis said in

regards to receiving the gold award. "No one person does it all by themselves. I'd like to thank my leadership for allowing me to exercise my supervisory management mission and the employees in my division for their support over the years working on the Global War on Terror initiatives."

John C. Thomas, AMSAA

Thomas received a gold award for the Outstanding Para-Professional (Non-supervisory) Administrative/Management Analyst category.

Thomas is recognized for his sustained superior performance as a management analyst within AMSAA from October 2000 to December 2006. He has been the focal point for revitalizing the organization's workforce to insure the future viability of the analysis missions that it performs for the Army.

He has worked closely with AMSAA management to develop the organization's personnel requirements and worked to insure that AMSAA's recruiting efforts result in a proper mix of occupations and skills being brought into the office. He has personally represented AMSAA at numerous universities and job fairs and has been the organization's primary liaison to students who attend the functions.

In addition, he has personally fostered a cooperative working environment with organizations throughout the Army personnel community which has led to AMSAA's ability to quickly recruit and fill critical positions.

"It's a great honor to be recognized for my service and contributions to the organization," Thomas said. "For civil service employees it's something we all strive for. I'd like to thank AMSAA leadership for their confidence and dedication with letting me do

the things I needed to do for them."

David Heiner, ARL

Heiner won a gold award for the Outstanding Trades and Crafts (Non-supervisory) category.

Heiner worked as a team leader for the Metal Fabrication Shop, Weapons and Materials Research Directorate, U.S. Army Research Laboratory. He led a team of technicians focused on the design and fabrication of armored and robotic vehicle components, materials and systems, the fielding of which has directly saved Soldiers' lives in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

His team supported the experimentation, research, development and field support of systems under the Countermeasures for Improvised Explosive Devices Program and other programs.

Working under severe time constraints, Heiner systematically assessed the shop facility, determined equipment needs and obtained equipment vital to the shop's efforts. He designed and oversaw the construction of a new facility to house the new laser machining center and other new equipment.

In addition, Heiner's efforts to salvage significant inventories of otherwise abandoned government-owned materials have resulted in savings to ARL in excess of \$600,000.

"It was nice to be selected [for the award]," Heiner said. "Winning the award was the results of my efforts put in at ARL and it showed someone recognized those efforts."

He thanked Dean Jarvis, his coworkers and superiors.

Heiner is now retired and said that working at ARL was one of the best opportunities of his life.

"The promotions, work assignments, team effort and the employees that worked for me gave me no resistance," Heiner said.

APG heroes receive recognition

Capt. Gary Bott, firefighters Andrew Bittner and Edward Haden and paramedic David Stewart from APG Fire and Emergency Services received a bronze FEB award for their efforts in responding to a hazardous materials incident on June 6, 2006.

Bott, Bittner, Haden and Stewart entered the building where the incident occurred to search for, treat and evacuate any personnel and casualties.

They encountered several employees inside, and one of them showed signs of chemical exposure/poisoning. After quick and accurate assessment, the individual received the proper antidote and was evacuated from the building. The other personnel were evaluated and evacuated from the building, resulting in no additional casualties. Once the exposed patient was outside, the crew further evaluated his state and sent him to a medical facility for additional treatment.

"These guys are highly skilled and highly professional," said Edward Budnick, APG fire chief. "They have the potential to encounter many hazardous situations related to a wide range of testing and development activities."

The emergency responders said they were honored to win the award.

"It is nice to be recognized for doing what we need to do," Bott said. "A lot of people don't realize the four of us were just a small portion of a much larger response system."

This response system includes APG's Emergency Operations Center, the fire department command staff and many other agencies, Bott said.

"I feel like I was just doing my job," Bittner added. "My job is to protect people and keep people out of harm's way. I always feel gratified when I help someone. Just a simple thank you makes me feel good."

Ernesto Moreno, training specialist for the School of Military Packaging Technology, U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School, received the bronze Federal Executive Board Individual Heroic Act award.

Moreno conducted hazardous material certification training in the Middle East.

He said he volunteered because he knew that training the safe transportation of hazardous materials was a key element to winning the war. Without regard to the ongoing imminent danger in theater, he risked his own safety to ensure the Soldiers received the training required for their redeployment home.

While he was in the Middle East, Moreno experienced very unfavorable living conditions while living in a connex with little or no ventilation and the constant threat of enemy attack, the same as the troops he was training.

He said this situation never deterred him from accepting and successfully completing his assigned mission of training. Moreno accomplished this even though he had several medical conditions that he was combating that he acquired during Desert Storm. He never lost focus on the fact that even though he was in an instructional role, he was at the same high risk of loss of life and limb as the Soldiers on the front lines.

Moreno said he felt that he was just doing his job "to provide continuity of the military."

"I love helping the Soldiers," he said. "It gives me self satisfaction. They serve the country and they deserve the help."

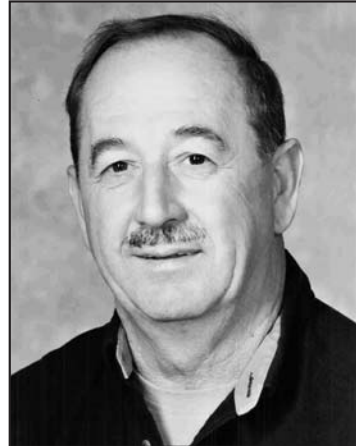
He said he spent 20 years in the military and that he spent most of his career on deployments.



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Bronze

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Organization

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Team leader: Ellen Baldwin

Team members: Nancy Govan, Tamara Kimp

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Silver

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John M. Luike Jr., ATC

Bronze

Alan Otto, MRICD

WORKFORCE DIVERSITY/ EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SERVICE

Bronze

David Mortin, AMSAA
Heroism

INDIVIDUAL HEROIC ACT

Bronze

Ernesto Moreno, OMMS

GROUP HEROIC ACT

Bronze

USAGAPG Directorate of Health, Safety and Environment, APG Fire and Emergency Services
Gary Bott
Andrew Bittner
Edward Haden
David Stewart

VOLUNTEER SERVICE- INDIVIDUAL AWARD

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Silver

Raymond Z. Mastnjak, ECBC

Bronze

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Fire and Emergency Services

Rebecca Kilby, CHPPM
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Army Educational Outreach Program Gains in Education of Mathematics and Science, ARL
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Drinking Water Quality report calendar year 2006

DSHE

About this report

This is an annual report regarding the quality of water delivered to APG South Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2006 (except where noted). Under the “Consumer Confidence Reporting Rule” of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, community water systems are required to report this water quality information to the consuming public. Presented in this report is information regarding the source of the water, its constituents and the health risks associated with any contaminants detected in quantities exceeding a drinking water regulatory maximum contaminant level (MCL), action level (AL), or treatment techniques (TT).

Acronyms used throughout this report:

AL..... Action Level
APG..... Aberdeen Proving Ground
DBP..... Disinfection By-Products
DBPP..... DBP Precursors
EPA..... Environmental Protection Agency
HAA5..... Haloacetic Acids
IOC..... Inorganic Contaminants
L&C..... Lead and Copper
M&T..... Microorganisms & Turbidity
MCL..... Maximum Contaminant Level
MCLG..... Maximum Contaminant Level Goal
MDE.... Maryland Department of the Environment
N/A..... Not Applicable

Definitions

- **AL:** The concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
- **MCL:** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLG as feasible using the best available treatment technology. Contaminants in drinking water, if detected, must be present in levels below the MCLs in order for the system to be in compliance with state and

Special health information for immuno-compromised persons

The Directorate of Safety Health and Environment continually monitors the drinking water for contaminants. The water on APG is safe to drink. However, some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, persons with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These persons should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 800-426-4791.

Contact information:

- Questions regarding the information contained in this report may be directed to:
- George Mercer – Public Affairs Office – 410-278-1147
 - Richard Wiggins – Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment – 410-306-2279

APG – South Water Quality Data (Van Bibber Water Treatment Plant)

TABLE 2 lists the only contaminants detected in the APG South drinking water distribution system during calendar year 2006 or, in some cases, during the most recent sampling period. DSHE routinely monitors for a number of contaminants in the water supply to meet regulatory drinking water compliance requirements. TABLE 2 lists only those contaminants that had some level of detection. The drinking water has been analyzed for many other contaminants as well, but they were not detected in the APG South drinking water distribution system during 2006 or the most recent sampling period.

1. The highest running annual average detected during 2006 is reported in the “Level Detected” column and the range of individual results is presented in the “Range Detected” column. TTHM was in compliance with the MCL during 2006, however the running annual average HAA5 concentration exceeded its MCL during the fourth quarter of 2006. DSHE re-sampled for HAA5 immediately following the unusually high results and detected that the HAA5 levels had returned to normal. Some people who drink water containing HAA5 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer. The running annual average concentration for HAA5 calculated during the first quarter of 2007 further verified that levels were in fact normal, and system compliance with the MCL was subsequently reestablished.
2. Removal of DBPP is monitored by measuring Total Organic Carbon (TOC) before and after treatment and computing a removal ratio. A ratio > 1 indicates compliance with TOC removal requirements. The running annual average ratio for the APG South system is presented in the “Level Detected” column with the range of monthly running annual average ratios presented in the “Range Detected” column.
3. The detected level of these contaminants is presented in the “Level Detected” column. Because IOCs are monitored once per year, the range of detections is not applicable (N/A).
4. Compliance for these parameters is demonstrated by comparing the 90th percentile of results to the regulatory Action Level for each parameter. This 90th percentile value is reported to you in the “Level Detected” column. This value represents the concentration that 90 percent of the sites (not values) were below during the most recent round of monitoring (2006). The total number of individual sites that exceeded the Action Level are presented in the “Range Detected” column.
5. Total Coliform is monitored to ensure that the treatment

ND..... None Detected
NTU..... Nephelometric Turbidity Unit
PCi/L..... picocuries per liter
ppb..... parts per billion
ppm..... parts per million
RAD..... Radionuclides
SDWA..... Safe Drinking Water Act
SOC..... Synthetic Organic Compounds
TT..... Treatment Technique
TTHM..... Total Trihalomethanes
UNREG..... Unregulated Compounds
VOC..... Volatile Organic Compounds

- federal regulations.
- **MCLG:** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. Note: MCLGs are goals and not regulatory limits. Public drinking water systems are not required to meet MCLGs.
 - **TT:** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

How can impurities get in the water supply?

- The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:
- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
 - **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can occur naturally or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
 - **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may occur from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
 - **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
 - **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be

naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Consumers should be aware that drinking water, including bottled water, might reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline, 800-426-4791.

Monitoring of drinking water

The drinking water being delivered is pumped from Winters Run and treated by the Van Bibber Water Treatment Plant located at building E-6110 on Route 755 (Edgewood Road), Edgewood, MD 21040.

The water system uses only EPA-approved laboratory methods to analyze the drinking water. Personnel collect water samples from the distribution system and from the Van Bibber Water Treatment Plant. Samples are then shipped to the accredited laboratory where a full spectrum of water quality analyses is performed. The results are reported to the Maryland Department of the Environment. In APG South, DSHE

monitors for the contaminant groups listed in TABLE 1 using EPA-approved meth-

ods. TABLE 1 also lists the monitoring frequencies for these contaminant groups.

TABLE 1. Contaminant Groups and Monitoring Frequency

Contaminant Group	Monitoring Frequency
Disinfection By-Products (DBP)	Quarterly
DBP Precursors (DBPP)	Monthly
Inorganic Contaminants (IOC)	Once Per Year
Lead and Copper (L&C)	Once Every 3 Years
Microorganisms & Turbidity (M&T)	Daily
Radionuclides (RAD)	Once Every 4 Years
Synthetic Organic Compounds (SOC)	Twice Per Year
Unregulated Contaminants (UNREG)	Once Every 5 Years
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)	Once Per Year

TABLE 2. Contaminants detected in APG South drinking water during calendar year 2006

Substances We Detected (units)	Group	Level Detected	What’s Allowed? (MCL)	Did We Exceed the Limit?	Range Detected	What’s the Goal? (MCLG)	Typical Source of Contaminant
TTHM (ppb) ¹	DBP	74.2	80	NO	27.4-143	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 (ppb) ¹	DBP	67.2	60	YES	1.8-100.4	N/A	By-product of water chlorination
TOC (removal ratio) ²	DBPP	1.14	TT	NO	1.00-1.92	TT	Naturally present in the environment
Barium (ppm) ³	IOC	0.025	2	NO	N/A	2	Erosion of natural deposits
Nickel (ppm) ³	IOC	0.001	0.1	NO	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm) ³	IOC	0.67	4	NO	N/A	4	Water additive to promote strong teeth
Nitrate (ppm) ³	IOC	3.0	10	NO	N/A	10	Runoff from fertilizer use
Lead (ppb) ⁴	L&C	11	15 (AL)	NO	2	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Copper (ppm) ⁴	L&C	0.150	1.3 (AL)	NO	0	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Total Coliform (presence) ⁵	M&T	0	1	NO	0	0	Naturally present in the environment
Turbidity (NTU) ⁶	M&T	100%	TT	NO	0.02-0.29	TT	Soil runoff
Gross Alpha (PCi/L) ⁷	RAD	1	15	NO	N/A	15	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Beta (PCi/L) ⁷	RAD	3	50	NO	N/A	50	Decay of natural and manmade deposits
Chlorine (ppm) ⁸	VOC	1.23	4	NO	ND-3.0	4	Water additive to control microbes

system is performing properly and that the drinking water we supply is free of microbial contamination. For this water system, the MCL is one (1) positive coliform sample per month; during 2006 not a single sample tested positive.

6. Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. DSHE monitors it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system. One hundred percent of the samples analyzed were below required levels; therefore this percentage is reported in the “Level Detected” column. The range of detected levels is presented in the “Range Detected” column.

7. The level of these contaminants that was detected during the last scheduled monitoring event (2003) is presented in the “Level Detected” column. Because these contaminants are monitored once every four years, the range of detections is not applicable. These contaminants are scheduled to be monitored next in 2007.

Chlorine is added to the drinking water to control the presence of microorganisms. The standard by which compliance with

chlorine levels is determined is called the maximum residual disinfectant level (MRDL). The MRDL is the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. The annual average chlorine level is presented in the “Level Detected” column with the range of detected concentrations presented in the “Range Detected” column.

THE WATER IS SAFE TO DRINK

The report states that the water provided by APG in calendar year 2006 had some contaminants that were detected through monitoring, but the EPA has determined that **THE WATER IS SAFE AT THESE LEVELS.**

Postage

- From front page**
- Letter-sized mail**
- These are typical mail pieces.
 - They must have an aspect ratio (length divided by height) of between 1.3 to 2.5.
 - Must be one quarter of an inch thick or less.
 - Must be no more than 3.5 ounces in weight.
 - A mail piece that does not meet these criteria is not considered a letter, and instead may be considered a flat-sized mail piece.
- Flat-sized mail (This is a new category of mail)**
- Flat-sized mail pieces cost \$0.39 more than the same weight letter-sized mail pieces.
 - A flat is designated as being any mail piece that is between 11 1/2 inches to 15 inches long, 6 1/8 to 12 inches

- high, and 1/4 to 3/4 of an inch thick.
- A mail piece that does not meet these criteria is not considered a flat-sized mail piece and instead may be considered a first-class parcel.
- First-class parcel (This is a new category of mail)**
- First-class parcel mail pieces cost \$0.33 more than the same weight flat-sized mail piece.
 - An item that is more than 15 inches long or more than 12 inches high or more than three quarters of an inch thick is considered a parcel.
- Certain other criteria can affect the mail piece’s classification, but these are the most common examples. These criteria are important for several reasons; a mail piece that is sent in a normal letter-sized envelope that is more than one quarter of an inch thick or weighs more than 3.5 ounces will automatically be charged the rate for the ‘flat-sized’ mailing.
- First-class mail rates**
- Standard postcards have increased

- from \$0.24 to \$0.26 each.
- First-class letters have increased from \$0.39 to \$0.41 for the first ounce or fraction of an ounce. The additional cost is reduced from \$0.24 for each additional ounce or fraction

- of an ounce to only \$0.17. However, any piece weighing more than 3.5 ounces is considered, at the least, a flat-sized mail piece.
- Priority Mail rates**
- Rates for priority mail pieces have

- increased from roughly 12 to 20 percent, depending on the distance the package is being shipped.
- The one-pound rate is charged for matter sent in a Priority Mail flat-rate envelope provided by the USPS regardless of the actual weight of the piece. This has changed to \$4.60, an increase from the previous \$4.05.
- The cost to send other weight or classes of priority packages is dependent on the package’s destination. The zoned rates have resulted in varying changes depending upon the destination and distance.
- Certified mail rates**
- The cost for certified mail has increased to \$2.65, an increase of \$0.15.
- The cost for a return receipt has increased to \$2.15, an increase of \$0.30.
- Express mail rates**
- The proposed rate change includes an average overall increase for Express Mail services. The rate for the first half pound (8 oz.) has increased to \$16.25

Weight of Mail Piece	Old Rate	New Rate Letters	New Rate Flat-Sized	New Rate Parcels
0 oz. to 1 oz.	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.80	\$ 1.13
over 1 oz. to 2 oz.	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.97	\$ 1.30
over 2 oz. to 3 oz.	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.75	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.47
over 3 oz. to 3.5 oz.	\$ 1.11	\$ 0.92	\$ 1.31	\$ 1.64
over 3.5 oz. to 4 oz.	\$ 1.11	See Flat-Sized Rates	\$ 1.31	\$ 1.64
over 4 oz to 5 oz.	\$ 1.35	See Flat-Sized Rates	\$1.48	\$1.81
over 5 oz.	\$0.24 per additional oz.	See Flat-Sized Rates	\$0.17 per additional oz.	\$0.17 per additional oz.
over 13 oz.	See Priority Rates nonmachinable surcharge may apply			